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In the examiner's answer mailed on December 6, 2006, in the Evidence Relied Upon section, paragraph (8), the examiner had indicated that "No evidence is relied upon in the rejection of the claims under appeal. However, upon further review of the file, it is noted that at least three references were applied to the statement of rejections in the Grounds of Rejection section, paragraph (9), of the examiner answer. Therefore, paragraph (8):

Evidence Relied upon:


6,197,037	Hair	3/6/2001
5,616,217	Manthrop et al	6/29/1999
5,904,683	Pohndorf et al.	5/18/1999

Furthermore, the Information Disclosure Statement dated October 20, 2003, has been considered by the examiner.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Pedro Philogene whose telephone number is (571) 272-4716. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 8:00AM to 5:00 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eduardo Robert, can be reached on (571) 272 - 4719. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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